

the business affairs of said city. The mayor shall be *ex officio* president of said city council, and shall have and exercise all powers of a member thereof, and the members of said council shall hold office for two years from and after the date of their election, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

City council.
Term of office.

Successors to
present board.

(2) The mayor and other members of the city council elected under this act and their successors in office shall be held and deemed in law and in fact successors to the present mayor and board of aldermen of the said city of Kinston and upon the qualification of the mayor and other members of the city council all powers, rights and duties of the present mayor and board of aldermen of said city shall cease; and from and after the passage hereof the said city council shall have and exercise all rights, powers and duties of the mayor and board of aldermen of cities and towns as may be conferred by the laws and constitution of this State, and shall have and exercise all the rights, powers and duties conferred upon them or either of them by the terms of this act.

Present officers
continued.

(3) The present mayor and board of aldermen, attorney and other city officers as composed under the charter of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine shall continue to serve until the next city election held as hereinafter provided in this act, and until the qualification of all the officers elected at said election and shall temporarily exercise the powers and be subject to the limitation in this charter contained.

Present mayor to
order election.

(4) It shall be the duty of the present mayor after this act becomes a law to order an election to be held in the city of Kinston by giving thirty days notice thereof, which election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and at which election the mayor and six aldermen, two from each ward, shall be elected as provided for in paragraphs one and two of this section. If for any reason the mayor fails to make said call for said election within twenty days after the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, then it shall be the duty of the present board of aldermen by a majority of the vote thereof to issue said call for said election by giving thirty days notice thereof, said election shall be held as provided for herein. and the mayor and the six aldermen so elected at said election shall hold their respective offices until the Tuesday after the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Order by
aldermen on
default of mayor.

City elections.

(5) On Tuesday after the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen and in each second year thereafter, the city council shall cause to be held in the city of Kinston an election for mayor and six aldermen as provided for in paragraphs one and two of this section, who shall perform the duties and discharge the obligations conferred and imposed by the provision of this act, and who shall hold their respective offices for two years or until their successors are elected and qualify.